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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ENDORSES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE SITE SELECTIONS

The Legislative Council has endorsed four sites that will be the first to implement the Indiana Community College System:

- Gary
- Lafayette
- Indianapolis
- Evansville

The four sites had been recommended to the Legislative Council by the Community College Policy Committee, which, by state law, is charged with overseeing implementation of the Community College System. Endorsement by the Legislative Council clears the way for final approval by the State Budget Committee, whose next meeting is in August. Current plans call for 25 new Vincennes University courses to be offered at the four Ivy Tech sites during the Fall 2000 semester.

Referring to comments made during today's Council meeting, Commissioner for Higher Education Stan Jones stated, "I'm pleased that legislators are increasingly expressing interest in having the community college system implemented in their districts, and I am especially pleased with the support shown for the Community College System by the Legislative Council's action today."

The Legislative Council, which consists of eight Senators and eight Representatives, has responsibility for directing the work of interim study committees and the Legislative Services Agency while the General Assembly is not in session. Legislation enacted by the General Assembly during the last session requires endorsement by the Legislative Council of all sites where the Community College System is to be implemented.